

**TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
RESOLUTION 16-22**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARDED FROM
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY
ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$864,000 OVER A 3
YEAR PERIOD THROUGH THE COPS HIRING PROGRAM FOR 4 POLICE OFFICERS**

Introduced by: Mayor Calvin Washington

WHEREAS, the Hiring Program of the U.S. Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Services ("COPS") is designed to advance public safety through community policing by addressing the full-time sworn officer needs of state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the COPS Hiring Program provides funds directly to law enforcement agencies to hire new or rehire existing law enforcement officers to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, the COPS Hiring Program will provide up to 58% percent of the approved entry-level salaries and fringe benefits of full-time officers, with a minimum of 42 % percent matched by the law enforcement agency for three years; and

WHEREAS, the Council has accepted the recommendation of the Chief of Police that securing funding through the COPS Hiring Program is in the best interest of the Town and the safety and welfare of its residents so that the Police Department can continue 24-hour Police coverage, and

WHEREAS, the grant requires the Town to retain the 4 FTE officer positions with local funds for 2 additional years after the end of the grant term; and

WHEREAS, the \$135,000.00 will be allocated from of American Rescue Plan funding, \$150,000.00 from Automated Speed Enforcement, and \$79,000.00 from fund balance will be used to meet the matching grant requirement, with the remaining \$500,000 paid from the COPS Hiring Grant. A total programmatic grant award of \$864,000.00

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland hereby agrees to authorize and allow the acceptance of a grant award from Department of Justice, DOJ Program number 15JCOPS-21-GG-03434-UHPX for the Forest Heights Police Department ("FHPD") in the amount of \$864,000 establishing the Department of Justice FY21 COPS Hiring Grant local project number FHPD-FY22-COPS-0001, and the associated budget amendments.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 20 day of April, 2022.

APPROVED: By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE</u>	<u>YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT</u>
WASHINGTON	<u>YEA</u>
KENNEDY	<u>YEA</u>
NOBLE	<u>YEA</u>
BARNES	<u>YEA</u>
HINES	<u>YEA</u>
LILLY	<u>YEA</u>
ATKINSON	<u>ABSENT</u>

ATTEST:

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN
OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

Signature on file

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

Signature on file

By: _____
Calvin Washington, Mayor

By: Signature on file

Taunya Hines, Council President

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the 20 day of April, 2022 with 6 Aye votes and 0 Nay votes the aforesaid Resolution 16-22 passed.

Signature on file

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

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